IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with <u>underlining</u> and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered). Please AMEND claims 1-19 and ADD new claim 20 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) A message processing system comprising:

judging means for analyzing a received message, and for judging whether a predetermined condition including a requirement relating to a time when said received message ~~occurs~~ <u>occurred</u> is fulfilled; ~~and~~

means for performing a process corresponding to the fulfilled predetermined condition if said judging means judged that said received message fulfilled said predetermined condition~~[[.]]~~<u>; and</u>

<u>means for passing said received message to a standard destination of said received message if said judging means judged that said received message did not fulfill said predetermined condition.</u>

2. (currently amended) The message processing system <u>as</u> set forth in claim 1, further comprising:

a storage device for storing said predetermined condition and a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition; and

setting means for setting said predetermined condition and a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition into said storage device.

3. (currently amended) The message processing system <u>as</u> set forth in claim 1, wherein said process corresponding to said predetermined condition is at least one of<u>:</u>

modification or setting of contents of said received message,

modification or setting of display destination of said received message,

modification or setting of transmission destination of said received message,

modification or setting of recording destination of said received message, and

execution of a program ~~in correspondence with~~ <u>corresponding to</u> said received message.

4. (currently amended) The message processing system <u>as</u> set forth in claim 1, wherein said process corresponding to said predetermined condition is a process for changing a notification destination of said received message in accordance with a priority set in advance<u>, when the notification fails</u>.

5. (currently amended) The message processing system <u>as</u> set forth in claim 1, wherein said process corresponding to said predetermined condition is a process for executing a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition at a time corresponding to said predetermined condition.

6. (currently amended) The message processing system <u>as</u> set forth in claim 1, wherein said predetermined condition includes a requirement relating to a combination of a plurality of messages.

7. (currently amended) The message processing system <u>as</u> set forth in claim 2, wherein said setting means receives an e-mail including a predetermined condition, a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition, and a mail body, and sets said predetermined condition and said processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition into said storage device, and wherein said judging means determines whether a message subsequent to said e-mail fulfills said predetermined condition set by said setting means in response to receipt of said e-mail.

8. (currently amended) A ~~storage medium for storing a~~ message processing program <u>embodied on a medium</u>, said message processing program comprising ~~the steps of~~:
    analyzing a received message, and judging whether a predetermined condition including a requirement relating to a time when said received message occurred is fulfilled; ~~and~~
    performing a process corresponding to the fulfilled predetermined condition if it is judged in said ~~step of~~ analyzing and judging that said received message fulfilled said predetermined condition<u>;</u>[[.]] <u>and</u>
        <u>passing said received message to a standard destination of said received message if it is judged in said analyzing and judging that said received message did not fulfill</u>

said predetermined condition.

9. (currently amended) The ~~storage medium~~ message processing program as set forth in claim 8, ~~said program~~ further comprising ~~a step of~~:
setting said predetermined condition and a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition into a storage device.

10. (currently amended) The ~~storage medium~~ message processing program as set forth in claim 8, wherein said performing ~~step~~ comprises at least one ~~step~~ of:
modifying or setting contents of said received message;
modifying or setting display destination of said received message;
modifying or setting transmission destination of said received message;
modifying or setting recording destination of said received message; and
executing a program ~~in correspondence with~~ corresponding to said received message.

11. (currently amended) The ~~storage medium~~ message processing program as set forth in claim 8, wherein said performing ~~step~~ comprises ~~a step of~~ changing a notification destination of said received message in accordance with a priority set in advance, when the notification fails.

12. (currently amended) The ~~storage medium~~ message processing program as set forth in claim 8, wherein said performing ~~step~~ comprises ~~a step of~~ executing a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition at a time corresponding to said predetermined condition.

13. (currently amended) The ~~storage medium~~ message processing program as set forth in claim 9, wherein said setting ~~step~~ comprises ~~the steps of~~:
receiving an e-mail including a predetermined condition, a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition, and a mail body; and
setting said predetermined condition and said processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition into said storage device, and
~~and~~ wherein said analyzing and judging ~~step~~ comprises ~~a step of, in response to receipt of said e-mail,~~ determining whether a message subsequent to said e-mail fulfills said predetermined condition set in said setting ~~step~~ in response to receipt of said e-mail.

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14. (currently amended) A message processing method, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

analyzing a received message, and judging whether a predetermined condition including a requirement relating to a time when said received message occurred is fulfilled; and

performing a process corresponding to the fulfilled predetermined condition if it is judged in said ~~step of~~ analyzing and judging that said received message fulfilled said predetermined condition[[.]]; and

passing said received message to a standard destination of said received message if it is judged in said analyzing and judging that said received message did not fulfill said predetermined condition.

15. (currently amended) The message processing method <u>as</u> set forth in claim 14, further comprising ~~a step of~~:

setting said predetermined condition and a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition into a storage device.

16. (currently amended) The message processing method <u>as</u> set forth in claim 14, wherein said performing ~~step~~ comprises at least one ~~step~~ of:

modifying or setting contents of said received message;

modifying or setting display destination of said received message;

modifying or setting transmission destination of said received message;

modifying or setting recording destination of said received message; and

executing a program ~~in correspondence with~~ corresponding to said received message.

17. (currently amended)The message processing method <u>as</u> set forth in claim 14, wherein said performing ~~step~~ comprises ~~a step of~~ changing notification destination of said received message in accordance with a priority set in advance<u>, when the notification fails</u>.

18. (currently amended) The message processing method <u>as</u> set forth in claim 14, wherein said performing ~~step~~ comprises ~~a step of~~ executing a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition at a time corresponding to said predetermined condition.

19. (currently amended) The message processing method <u>as</u> set forth in claim 15,

wherein said setting ~~step~~ comprises ~~the steps of~~:

receiving an e-mail including a predetermined condition, a processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition, and a mail body; and

setting said predetermined condition and said processing content corresponding to said predetermined condition into said storage device, <u>and</u>

~~and~~ wherein said analyzing and judging ~~step~~ comprises ~~a step of, in response to receipt of said e-mail,~~ determining whether a message subsequent to said e-mail fulfills said predetermined condition set in said setting ~~step~~<u>in response to receipt of said e-mail</u>.

20. (new) A message processing system comprising:

a judging unit to analyze a received message, and to judge whether a predetermined condition including a requirement relating to a time when said received message occurred is fulfilled;

a performing unit to perform a process corresponding to the fulfilled predetermined condition if said judging unit judged that said received message fulfilled said predetermined condition; and

a passing unit to pass said received message to a standard destination of said received message if said judging unit judged that said received message did not fulfill said predetermined condition.